

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

:Marian Nakada et al.

Serial No.

:10/808699.

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Title

:USE OF EMMPRIN ANTAGONISTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF

DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH EXCESSIVE ANGIOGENESIS

Art Unit

:5898

Examiner

: Haddad, Maher M

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

April 28, 2006

Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT mailed March 30, 2006, in the above referenced application.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 8-9 and 15-18, drawn to a method of treating an angiogenesis dependent disease wherin the disease is cancer. This election is made with traverse inasmuch as it is the applicant's position that the subject matter of groups I-V are all angiogenesis mediated disease and are thus inextricably linked such that they do not constitute independent <u>and</u> distinct inventions as required by the statute. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to examine these groups together in one application.

As to the election of species, applicants provisionally elect the species where the disease is angioma, as recited in claim 9.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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